1 JOSHUA E. KIRSCH (179110) GIBSON ROBB & LINDH LLP 201 Mission Street, Suite 2700 San Francisco, California 94105 2 Telephone: (415) 348-6000 Facsimile: (415) 348-6001 3 4 Email: jkirsch@gibsonrobb.com Attorneys for Plaintiff XL SPECIALTY INSURANCE 5 COMPANY 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 C dast 14. - 0427 CAS- ASX XL SPECIALTY INSURANCE 11 COMPANY, a Delaware corporation, 12 COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGE TO Plaintiff, OCEAN CARGO 13 14 ٧. BY FAX 15 A.P. MOLLER-MAERSK A/S. trading as MAERSK LINE, a foreign 16 corporation; MAERSK LINE, 17 LIMITED, a corporation; and MAERSK INC., a corporation, 18 Defendants. 19 Plaintiff's complaint follows: 20 Plaintiff XL SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY ("XL"), is now, 21 and at all times herein material was, a Delaware corporation duly organized and 22 existing by virtue of law, and was the insurer of the cargo that is the subject of this 23 action. 24 25 2. Plaintiff is informed and believes and on the basis of that information and belief alleges that A.P. MOLLER-MAERSK A/S, trading as MAERSK LINE, 26 a foreign corporation; MAERSK LINE, LIMITED, a corporation; and MAERSK 27 INC., a corporation (collectively "MAERSK"), are now and at all times herein Complaint Our File No. 5475.49

material were engaged in business as a common carriers for hire within the United States and within this judicial district.

- 3. Plaintiff's complaint contains a cause of action for damage to cargo arising under a statute of the United States, namely the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 46 U.S.C. §30701 et seq., and is therefore within the jurisdiction of this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, as more fully appears herein. Additionally, the Court has admiralty jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1333. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), as a substantial portion of the events giving rise to the claims herein occurred in this district, and defendants reside in this district.
- 4. This is a cause of action for damage to ocean cargo, and is an admiralty and maritime claim within the meaning of Rule 9(h), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as hereinafter more fully appears.
- 5. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and on the basis of such 13 14 information and belief allege that on or about April 15, 2013, at Choluteca, Honduras, defendant MAERSK received 120 containers of various melons, for 15 carriage under bills of lading numbers 560059091, 560058093, 560058102, 16 17 560058118, 560058121, 560058122, 560058128, 560058136, 560058143, 18 560058148, 560058153, 560058158, 560058165, 560058171, 560058178, 560058182, 560058191, 560058225, 560058234, 560058238, 560058242, 19 20 560058248, 560058253, 560058291, 560058300, 560058314, 560058328, 560058333, 560058341, 560058346, 560058349, 560058405, 560058411, 21 22 560058587, 560058600, 560058602, 560058606, 560058607, 560058609, 23 560058614, 560058615, 560058619, 560058628, 560058638, 560058651, 24 560058653, 560058663, 560058669, 560058674, 560058688, 560058701, 560058709, 560058712, 560058716, 560058723, 560058751, 560058758, 25 26 560058772, 560058776, 560058789, 560058793, 560058812, 560058822, 27 560058845, 560058854, 560058860, 560058861, 560058862, 560058868, 560058881, 560058882, 560058886, 560058887, 560058889, 560058890, 28

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- 6. Thereafter, in breach of and in violation of said agreements, MAERSK did not deliver said cargo in the same good order, condition, and quantity as when received at Choluteca. To the contrary, MAERSK delivered the cargo on or about May 10, 2013, in a damaged and deteriorated condition. Furthermore, MAERSK delivered the cargo aboard the vessel *M/V Maersk Nottingham*, as the *M/V Maersk Westport* had lost power while en route to Los Angeles and could not complete the voyage. By virtue of said damage, the value of the cargo was depreciated in the estimated amount of \$2,099,020.00, or some other amount to be proven at trial.
- 7. Prior to the shipment of the herein described cargo and prior to any loss thereto, plaintiff XL issued its policy of insurance whereby plaintiff XL agreed to indemnify the owner of said cargo, and its assigns, against loss of or damage to said cargo while in transit, including mitigation expenses, and plaintiff XL has therefore become obligated to pay, and has paid to the person entitled to

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payment under said policy the sum of \$1,000,000.00, on account of the herein 1 described loss. It is anticipated that XL will pay additional amounts pursuant to its 2 policy of insurance, as the insurance claim remains open. 3 9. Plaintiff has therefore been damaged in the sum of not less than 4 \$1,000,000, or another amount according to proof at trial, no part of which has 5 been paid, despite demand therefor. 6 7 WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays that this Court enter judgment in its favor and against defendants; that this Court decree payment by defendants to plaintiff 8 in the sum of not less than \$1,000,000, or some other amount to be proven at trial, 9 together with prejudgment interest thereon and costs of suit herein; and that 10 plaintiff have such other and further relief as in law and justice it may be entitled 11 12 to receive. Dated: January 17, 2014 Respectfully submitted, 13 GIBSON ROBB & LINDH LLP 14 15 16 Byprneys for Plaintiff 17 PECIALTY INSURANCE 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

### NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES JUDGES

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AO 440 (Rev. 06/12) Summons in a Civil Action

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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XL SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, a Delaware corporation,	) ) )
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A.P. MOLLER-MAERSK A/S, trading as MAERSK LINE, a foreign corporation; MAERSK LINE LIMITED, a corporation;	) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) )

#### SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address)
A.P. MOLLER-MAERSK A/S,
trading as MAERSK LINE
2 GIRALDA FARMS
MADISON AVE.
MADISON, NJ 07940

and MAERSK INC., a corporation

Defendant(s)

MAERSK LINE, LIMITED 2 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON AVE. MADISON, NJ 07940 MAERSK INC. 2 GIRALDA FARMS MADISON AVE. MADISON, NJ 07940

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

Joshua E. Kirsch (179110) GIBSON ROBB & LINDH LLP 201 Mission Street, Suite 2700 San Francisco, CA 94105

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

Date: JAN 17 2014

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL COVER SHEET

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VIII. VENUE: Your answers to the questions below will determine the division of the Court to which this case will most likely be initially assigned. This initial assignment is subject to change, in accordance with the Court's General Orders, upon review by the Court of your Complaint or Notice of Removal.

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863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of thall claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))	e Social Security	Act, as amended; plus
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